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For THE COLLECTOR.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 72 DAYS!

BY W. L. RICHARDS.

Nearly twelve years ago a curious reader of Jules Verne's famous book "Le tour du monde en quatre-vingt jours" wrote an article, which was published in *Golden Days* at the time wherein he described how he had attempted to verify the Frenchman's estimate of the time required to go around the world, by sending a letter addressed to himself, thus: "Around the world and return." The letter got back all right and showed how near to the exact time required the Frenchman had calculated.

If I remember rightly, the article wound up with the challenge. "Beat it, if you can."

Methinks that a great many people must have tried to beat it and made Uncle Sam weary of the attempts, for when I tried to emulate his example early in 1885, using the same mailing directions, I found the letter on my desk the next morning marked "Not forwarded. Forwarding this letter, per above directions, is forbidden by statute.

This disappointment did not discourage me, in the least: I tried another scheme the same evening which was successful. At 5.30 P. M. Jan. 27, I dropped a letter in the N. Y. P. O. addressed as follows:

WM. L. RICHARD
Care of R. L. Tilford, with Walsh Hall & Co.—
"Via Frisco."

Yokohoma, Japan.

Another letter to Mr. Tilford requested him to cross out the Yokohoma address, mark the envelope "NOT HERE" and forward it via. "French Mail and Europe," readdressed care of J. D. Tilford 44 Broadway New York. You may be sure I often thought of that letter while it was en route. All went well. Mr. Tilford was kind enough to oblige me as requested and I received the letter back April 22nd 12.30 P. M., covered with postmarks. It had consumed exactly 84 days 19 hours in its travels.

It struck me at the time of mailing the above letter that it might miscarry, so, to be on the safe side, I tried another "shoot". On my way down to business on the morning of Jan. 29, I mailed another letter, "via. England," addressed; "care of J. A. Bostwick, care of the American Exchange in Europe 449 Strand, Charing Cross W. C. London, England." This letter reached London Feb. 9. Mr. Bostwick having left for the Continent via. Calais, the Exchange people forwarded the letter which finally caught up with Mr. B. at the Hotel Continental, Paris. Mr. Bostwick re-directed the letter to Yokohama, which point it appears to have reached April 19th, 71 days out. It lay here until April 17 and arrived at New York May 12th, 103 days old, showing the wear and tear of its circuitous journey around the world.

I was real glad to see my old friend back again, but Phileas Fogg had not been beaten and I was inconsolable until I resolved to try again. This time I carefully consulted Bullinger's Guide and was rejoiced to see that close connections could be made, if all things went right, and Uncle Sam might yet beat John Bull's record at "Globe-girdling". So on 2.30 P. M. June, 12 1889 at 2.30 P. M. number three started out "via. England and Brindisi". This traveler got quite a gait on and reached the British Metropolis eight days later, just in time to make connections with the Continental express for Brindisi, Italy. Here the "Peninsular and Oceanic" steamer was awaiting the arrival of the mail-train.

"Thro' the Suez Canal and past Port Said
Colombo, Singapore and Hong-Kong they sped."

Stopping but a short time at each place. Fair Fortuna continued to smile on the VOYAGER, for she "set him down" in the land of the Mikado July 31st one day ahead of schedule time. The Pacific Mail Steamer was in port, but the start on the home stretch was delayed until August 2nd. Finding that Phileas Fogg could now be beaten "hands down," a stop of at Honolulu en route. Point Bonita was passed Aug. 19th the broad Pacific was left behind—Meanwhile I consulted the Guide impatiently, wondering whether I would ever see my little friend again—The final morn arrived and I hurried down to the office. Half hoping, half doubting, I opened the door, when when lo! there lay the letter, postmarked "Recd. P. O. N. Y. Aug. 24th 8.30 A. M". Time 72 days 18 hours!

Phileas Fogg had been beaten!

Vive l' Amerique.

For THE COLLECTOR.

THE FIRST EMISSION OF POSTAL STAMPS IN THE MEXICAN REPUBLIC.

"Dated June 15th, 1856, that was when the system of stamps was adopted, for the exemption of correspondence, the general post office published a law, in which was announced to every post office in the Republic, the obligation of cancelling all stamps received, to prevent thus the fraud by theft or deviation.

With this object a small seal was sent to each postal manager, with the name of the city in order that as soon as they received the stamps, they might cancel each one before proceeding to its sale.

This system adopted had the object of making the stamps valueless and worthless, if any appeared in the market, without such a requisite. On this account the stamps were double sealed from 1856 to 1864 with names of the cities in which they were sold, wearing them in some cities with Roman characters. During the time of the regency and the empire besides the double sealing the year with its four numbers was also adopted and another ordinal number which the offices had in the countability of the management. The double sealing of gothic letters was used only in Mexico and Morelia, and the former of these began to make use of it since the year of 1864 on the empire eagle stamps contributing afterwards on those of the bust of Marcimitian until the beginning of 1872, having been substituted with another with Roman charcters disposed in the form of a semi-circle. This double sealing stopped to be used in 1883 that was when the issue that had appearedwi th the bust of Bernito Fuarez was ended.

From the year 1868 to 1878 the yearly double seal and the ordinal to which I have formerly referred, was so abreviated that only the last two numbers were printed on the corner of each stamp. In 1874 a new form was given to the double sealing puting together the correspondent numbers of the year and ordinal numbers; so, for instance, the number 46.74 corresponds to the stamp used in Foluca in 1874 the ordinal number of which being 46. to the capital of Mexico corresponded N. 1. on account of which every stamp cancelled in this city in 1880, for instance, have only the three ciphers 180. To Queretaro, 35 and those used in 1875 must have the numbers 3575. However I have seen many stamps in original letters which is some post offices were not double sealed notwithstanding what was disposed by the general post office and which circular was given on February 23rd, 1869. On the new issue of 1884 on which a new form was given to the stamps with Servicio Postal Mexicano all the double sealings were omitted, it was noted only in one or two cities in the States of Mexico and Guanaprats, the double sealing on the stamps, perhaps on account of the custom they had of using it.

JAVIER MORALES CORTAZAR.

S. of P. 851.

NOTE:—The words double sealing in this article means the printing of the name of the city on the stamps in which they were sold. Ed.

For THE COLLECTOR.

GENERAL COLLECTING.

About once a month every philatelic paper publishes a very profound and learned article on "Specialism," generally commencing with "so much has been said pro and con," etc., or words to that effect. My idea of the situation is that in ninty-nine cases out of every hundred the article is pro, describing specialism with brilliant encomium and denouncing general collecting in equally brilliant terms. Now, friends, humbly apologizing, I beg to differ. If I could sit down in a company of stamp collectors and show them a complete set of stamps from some country it would be very nice—*but*—are your philatelic friends to be the only ones to examine your album? Suppose one or a few non-philatelic acquaintances should chance at your home. Which do you suppose they would be the most interested in, one or two hundred stamps from one country, or two, five or ten thousand from a hundred and sixty or more countries. Which would convert the more people to philately? The fact that this stamp came from Mexico, this also from Mexico but the paper is five pounds to the ream lighter or that this bit of paper has been in China, this in Hawaii, this in Natal, this in Norway, this in Paraguay, etc? Would not the latter, without the least particle of a doubt, be more likely to enthuse them with a desire to collect?

And then, the money it would take to buy the complete set of some countries would purchase a miscellaneous collection of four or five thousand stamps. Specialism will do for a few advanced collectors who have tired of generalism but the collecting in one album of stamps from every part of the globe, is, and ever will remain the popular form of collecting postage stamps.

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